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By Committee on Health & Long-Term Care

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
2 following:

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The legislature finds that the health
4 of the children of Washington state is critical to their success in
5 school and throughout their lives. While health insurance coverage is
6 a substantial component of achieving better health outcomes for
7 children, ensuring access to essential preventive and well-child health
8 services is equally important. Preventive and well-child health
9 services are a cost-effective investment of both public and private
10 dollars that improves the health of children and of our communities at
11 large.

12 (2) The legislature further finds that "kids get care" assures that
13 integrated preventive medical, oral, and developmental health services
14 are provided to young children. Improving the delivery of well child
15 visits, preventive oral health services, and developmental screening
16 can reduce the need for hospitalization, caries treatment, and
17 developmental interventions. "Kids get care" expands the use of
18 evidence-based preventive measures in community health centers and
19 private medical practices that treat many low-income children. "Kids
20 get care" also strengthens the connections between social service
21 agencies working with low-income families and local health care
22 providers.

23 (3) It is therefore the intent of the legislature to facilitate
24 low-income children's access to appropriate preventive and well-child
25 services and to other necessary health, mental health, and dental
26 services by supporting the extension of the successful "kids get care"
27 model for delivering health services to children.

28 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 43.70 RCW
29 to read as follows:

1 (1) The department of health shall develop and implement best
2 practices in preventive health care for children statewide. The
3 department of health and the "kids get care" program of public health -
4 Seattle and King county shall work in collaboration with local health
5 care agencies and providers to disseminate strategic interventions that
6 are focused on evidence-based best practices for improving health
7 outcomes in children and saving health care costs. An interim report
8 shall be provided to the appropriate committees of the legislature by
9 June 30, 2006, on the program's effectiveness and cost savings. A
10 final report shall be provided by June 30, 2007. The department of
11 health and the kids get care program of public health - Seattle and
12 King county shall work with the department of social and health
13 services to obtain any federal medicaid matching funds that could be
14 available to support the services of kids get care sites.

15 (2) Subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for this
16 specific purpose, and subject to any conditions and limitations in the
17 appropriations act:

18 (a) The department shall support the infrastructure of the
19 children's preventive health care collaborative, a structured set of
20 learning sessions to train medical practices about kids get care.
21 State appropriations shall be matched by an equal amount of local
22 funding;

23 (b) The department shall support two additional kids get care sites
24 to be implemented during fiscal year 2006 and two additional kids get
25 care sites to be implemented during fiscal year 2007. The sites shall
26 use the services of a case manager and public health educator to
27 enhance the ability of health care providers to meet the needs of low-
28 income children in their care; and

29 (c) The department shall support a structured evaluation of the
30 kids get care service delivery model. Preventive health care measures
31 and cost data shall be collected. Outcomes for children cared for by
32 clinics that are kids get care sites shall be compared to outcomes for
33 children not receiving care at kids get care sites.

34 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** If specific funding for this act is not
35 referenced by bill or chapter number in the biennial omnibus
36 appropriations act by June 30, 2005, this act is null and void."

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1 On page 1, line 2 of the title, after "model;" strike the remainder
2 of the title and insert "adding a new section to chapter 43.70 RCW; and
3 creating new sections."

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